

### REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

As a preliminary matter, the applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed by the applicants on April 7, 2004, prior to the April 21, 2004 mailing date of the Office Action. In a conversation with the undersigned on May 18, 2004, the Examiner indicated that she had no record of the IDS. The undersigned noted that the USPTO had stamped the return post-card. The Examiner instructed the undersigned to file a Response, together with a copy of the previously-filed IDS and a copy of the stamped post-card, and should any of the cited references give rise to a rejection, that a second Non-Final Office Action would issue. The applicants have enclosed a copy of the documents associated with the previously filed IDS, including another copy of the IDS listing one-hundred and two references, and copies of twenty-three references.

The applicants acknowledge and appreciate that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-26.

The Examiner rejects claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,178,820 to *Glass III et al.* and claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,265,129 to *Brooks et al.*

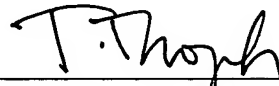
The applicants have cancelled claims 27 and 28, and therefore the rejections of these claims is moot, and the applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or traversed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,



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